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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam Group)
Date:	5 October 2023
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format (1+2)

1. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) China: Proposed protocol on imports of greasy wool
 - *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*
- b) Taiwan: Prioritization of market access applications
 - *Information from the Commission services and exchange of views*

2. Republic of Moldova: Preparations for the SPS Committee meeting planned for October 2023

- *Information by the Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*

3. Japan

a) State of play of the outcome of the EU-Japan Summit of 13th July 2023

- *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

b) Preparations of the EU-Japan SPS Committee (6th – 8th December 2023)

- *Information by the Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*

4. China

a) Outcome of the High Economic dialogue EU-China (25th September)

- *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

b) State of play of the activities with the Chinese competent Authorities

- *Information by the Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*

c) China's draft proposal for a protocol on raw hides and skins for bovine, ovine and caprine

- *Information by the Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*

5. Morocco: New registration requirement of food producing and processing establishments (WTO SPS notification MAR/99)

- *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

6. South Korea: Preparations for the meeting of the EU-Korea SPS Committee planned for October 2023

- *Information by the Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*

7. Thailand

a) Information about the discussions on the SPS and SFS related topics during the first FTA negotiation round meeting held in September 2023

- *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

b) Update on market access applications

- *Information by the Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*

8. United Kingdom

- a) Preparations for the meeting of the EU-UK Trade Specialised Committee on SPS measures to be held on 11th October 2023
 - *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*
- b) Update on developments related to EU-UK SPS issues
 - *Information by the Commission services and exchange of views*

9. United States of America: Preparation of the EU-US Animal Health Technical Working Group planned for 15th – 16th November 2023

- *Information by the Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*

10. Follow-up to the WTO Ministerial declaration on responding to modern SPS challenges: preparations for the WTO SPS Committee planned for November 2023

- *Information from the Commission services and exchange of views*

11. Brazil

- a) Brazilian proposal for a harmonized certificate for milk and dairy products
- b) Priority products for the negotiation of future harmonized certificates
- c) Priority list of topics for the SPS regulatory visits to the EU of Brazilian officials
- d) Completion of the “SPS matrix” by Member States, including with the state of play of the implementation of regionalization by Brazil
 - *Information by the Commission services, feedback by Member States and exchange of views*

12. Argentina: Completion of the “SPS matrix”, including with the state of play of the implementation of regionalization by Argentina

- *Information by the Commission services, feedback by Member States and exchange of views*

13. Colombia-Peru-Ecuador: Preparation of the 6th EU - Colombia-Peru-Ecuador Subcommittee (6th – 9th November 2023)

- *Information by the Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*

- 14. Saudi Arabia: Information about the upcoming Saudi audit on TSE measures in Member States (October 2023)**
 - Information by the Commission services and exchange of views
- 15. Sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) market access to Singapore - preparations of the 4th SPS Committee under the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement – 31st October 2023**
 - *Information by the Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*
- 16. Upcoming audits in Member States in the following months (October-November 2023)**
 - *Information by the Presidency, Commission services and delegations, and exchange of views*
- 17. Any other business**

Items for information *

- 18. SPS Market Access Working Group (MAWG): Outcome of the meeting of the SPS MAWG on 22nd June 2023 (WK 9888/2023 INIT)**
- 19. SPS market access issues (EU exports) to India: FSSAI questionnaire on milk and milk products to be answered by 31st October 2023 (WK 10495/2023)**

(*): Points with an asterisk (*) are for information. The issue can be discussed during the meeting when a Member States requests to lift the asterisk two days before the meeting.

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